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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 25, 2011, at 10 a.m.

House of Representatives

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 2011

The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
January 6, 2011.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MICHAEL K. SIMPSON to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

You, O God, are our refuge and our strength. History has taught us You are a helper close at hand in times of distress. We shall not fear, even when the whole Earth is unstable and seems to rock. Our human frailty has revealed that we can easily be shaken. Nations are in tumult, mountains of power fall, and economic waves rage and foam.

You alone, Lord God, cannot be shaken. Each dawning day finds You as our stronghold. Your voice works wonders over all the Earth. Wars are pushed to an ending, but You alone break the bows and snap the spears that pierce the soul. You burn off our shields with Your fire, and we hear once again Your voice: "Be still and know that I am God; supreme over all the nations, supreme over all the Earth."

O God, be our stronghold, now and forever.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Pledge of Allegiance will be led by the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. GOWDY).

Mr. GOWDY led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 10 requests for 1-minute speeches from each side.

THE HISTORIC SOUTH CAROLINA DELEGATION

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I am grateful to welcome the

four new members of the South Carolina delegation to the 112th Congress.

This past election, the voters of South Carolina let their voices be heard. The message was loud and clear: limit spending, with the largest Republican South Carolina delegation in over 130 years. The voters can rest assured the message was heard in Washington.

These four conservative, successful small business leaders were elected based on their principles. Promises to reduce spending, limit government, and attain fiscal responsibility will now be real priorities.

The people of South Carolina will benefit the most from this dynamic young team. The enthusiasm they bring is energizing. Congressmen TIM SCOTT, JEFF DUNCAN, TREY GOWDY and MICK MULVANEY are welcome to Federal public service. We will work together in making this the most accessible and accountable delegation for the people of South Carolina.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

PROMOTING THE GENERAL WELFARE

(Mr. HIMES asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HIMES. Mr. Speaker, the new Republican majority has decided that today we will read the United States Constitution, which I guess is a good thing. But like every other American, I can and do read it for myself. In fact, I did it this morning and came across

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